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1. SUMMARY

US FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTION TO IMTEC (INTERNATIONAL MANA-
GEMENT FOR EDUCATIONAL CHANGE) FOR ITS 1976 PROGRAM OF
WORK WAS FIXED AT FF 92,500 (ABOUT \$L8,500); THE
AMOUNT OF OUR VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTION FOR SPECIAL ACTI-
VITIES WAS FF 65,000 (ABOUT \$L3,000). THESE PAYMENTS
HAVE NOT BEEN RECEIVED. FURTHERMORE, THE PROPOSED
METHOD OF PAYING US CONTRIBUTION TO IMTEC FOR CY 1976
RAISES SOME PROBLEMS SINCE IMTEC IS NOW DEFUNCT. MISSION
REQUESTS PROMPT PAYMENT OF THESE OBLIGATIONS. END
SUMMARY.

2. THE CENTER FOR EDUCATIONAL RESEARCH AND INNOVATION UNCLASSIFIED

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(CERI) DECENTRALIZED PROJECT NO. 4, IMTEC, STARTED IN
1972 AND WAS TERMINATED DECEMBER 31, 1976 AFTER COMPLE-
TING A FINAL REPORT (REF B). THE PROJECT WAS
BASED IN OSLO. THE US OFFERED IN 1972 A GRANT FOR PRE-
PARATORY WORK AND CONTRIBUTED FOR SUCCESSIVE YEARS
(EXCEPT FOR 1976) ACCORDING TO THE OECD SCALE FOR MEMBER
COUNTRIES. ALTHOUGH US FINANCING ORIGINATED FROM OE/HEW

FUNDS, THE MONEY CAME INDIRECTLY VIA AN OE SUB-CONTRACT WITH OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY.

3. PARTICIPATING COUNTRY CONTRIBUTION

USG AGREED TO PARTICIPATE IN THE TERMINAL YEAR 1976 AND THE ANNUAL US CONTRIBUTION WAS FIXED AT FF 92,500. OE AGREED TO PAY THIS AMOUNT, A COMMITMENT WHICH US DELEGATION CONFIRMED IN BUDGET COMMITTEE IN ACCORDANCE WITH REF C. NO PAYMENT HAS YET BEEN MADE. MISSION TRANSMITTED NOVEMBER 30, 1976, THE OECD FINANCIAL CONTROLLER'S REQUEST FOR PAYMENT OF THIS AMOUNT (REF D). IN RESPONSE TO THIS REQUEST, THE NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION SENT BLANK VOUCHERS TO BE SIGNED BY THE ORGANIZATION. THESE VOUCHERS WERE SENT TO THE SOCIETE GENERALE, A BANK LOCATED IN OECD BUILDING, AND WERE LOST. SUBSEQUENTLY, ON FEBRUARY 28, 1977, DUPLICATES WERE SENT TO THE MISSION (REF E) AND FORWARDED TO OECD SECRETARIAT. MISSION NEXT RECEIVED A LETTER FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK TRANSMITTING A CONTRACT TO BE SIGNED BY OECD IN AN AMOUNT CORRESPONDING TO THE 1976 US GOVERNMENT CONTRIBUTION TO IMTEC. PROPOSED SUB-CONTRACT FROM OE WOULD COVER PERIOD JULY 1, 1976 - JUNE 1977, AND WOULD REQUIRE ADDITIONAL WORK. OUR AGREED-TO CONTRIBUTION WAS FOR IMTEC'S NORMAL 1976 PROGRAM.

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4. AS NOTED IN PARA 2 ABOVE, MISSION FAMILIAR WITH OE/

HEW METHOD OF FUNDING IMTEC THROUGH SUB-CONTRACTS WITH OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY WHICH WAS MUTUALLY SATISFACTORY. HOWEVER, CONTRACT PROPOSAL BY UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK STATE IN AMOUNT CORRESPONDING TO 1976 USG CONTRIBUTION IS UNACCEPTABLE TO OECD FINANCIAL CONTROLLER, AND PRESENTS PROBLEMS BECAUSE IT EXTENDS 6 MONTHS BEYOND LIFE OF IMTEC AND WOULD IMPOSE ADDITIONAL WORK BEYOND THAT TO WHICH US AND OTHER MEMBERS AGREED.

5. VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTION

THE VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTION, FOR WHICH A CEILING WAS SET AT FF 65,000 (ABOUT \$13,000), WAS STILL UNDER NEGOTIATION WITH US AUTHORITIES WHEN IMTEC DIRECTING GROUP, AND BUDGET COMMITTEE APPROVED 1976 PROGRAM. THIS CONTRIBUTION WAS EARMARKED FOR THE IMTEC/OECD US BICENTENNIAL SEMINAR ON MANAGING CHANGE IN URBAN EDUCATION, WHICH WAS HELD IN THE US IN OCTOBER 1976.

DR. RICHARD C. WILLIAMS, PROJECT DIRECTOR AT UCLA WROTE TO DR. DALIN, HEAD OF IMTEC IN OSLO, ON DECEMBER 8, 1976, THAT HE WOULD SEND \$10,000 "VERY SOON" TO MR. PAPY, IMTEC/OECD ADMINISTRATOR. WILLIAMS SAID UNCLASSIFIED

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\$10,000 WOULD BE INITIAL PAYMENT FOR COST INCURRED IN SUPPORTING THE SEMINAR. NO PAYMENT HAS BEEN RECEIVED. (COPIES OF DR. WILLIAMS' LETTER BEING AIRPOUCHED TO DEPARTMENT AND OE/HEW).

6. ACTION REQUESTED

SINCE USG HAS CLEAR COMMITMENT TO HONOR ITS FINANCIAL OBLIGATIONS TO OECD FOR COMPLETED IMTEC ACTIVITIES, MISSION REQUESTS EXPEDITIOUS PAYMENT TO OECD OF FF 92,500 FOR ITS CONTRIBUTION. ADDITIONALLY, MISSION REQUESTS THAT PROMPT PAYMENT BE MADE TO OECD FOR VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTION. LASTLY, IN EVENT USG MONIES, DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY ARE GOING TO DR. DALIN WHO HEADED PROGRAM IN OSLO, ACTION SHOULD BE TAKEN TO DISCONTINUE SUCH PAYMENTS SINCE IMTEC IS NOW DEFUNCT AND DR. DALIN NO LONGER HAS STATUS WITH THE ORGANIZATION. TURNER

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